unit avilable to sick small scale units for rehabilitation has been increased from Rs. 20000 to Rs. 50000.

Nationalisation of sick industrial undertaking may be done by either the Central Government or the State Government after taking into consideration of the various aspects of each case.

(b) From the Government of Andhra Pradesh, no recommendations/suggestions regarding sick industries have been received in this Ministry.

(c) Does not arise.

Paper mills in Orissa

2707. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Paper Mills set up in Orissa so far both in the private and public sectors;

(b) the location and other details thereof;

(c) whether there is any scope for setting up some more paper mills in Orissa; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to explore the possibility of setting up more paper mills in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The following units are borne on the records of Directorate General of Technical Development for manufacture of paper and paper board in the State of Orissa:—

	Name of the Unit	Item of manufacture and capacity in MT		Location
1.	M/s. Krishna Products	Straw Board	3300	Cuttack
2.	M/s. Orissa Straw Board Pvt. Ltd.	Straw Board	2673	Sambalpur
3.	M/s. Orient Paper Mills	Straw Board	76000	Brijraj Nagar
4.	M/s. Titaghur Paper Mills Ltd.	Paper & Paper Board	22000	Chowdhwar
5.	M/s. Straw Products Limited	Paper & Paper Board	50500	Rayagada
6.	M/s. Konark Paper & Ind. Ltd.	Paper & Paper Board	4800	Mayurbhanj
7.	M/s. Emami Paper Mills	Paper & Paper Board	6500	Balasore
8.	M/s. Sewa Paper Mills	Paper & Paper Board	25000	Jeypore. Koraput
9.	M/s. Speed Paper Mills	Duplex Board	4950	Tehasil
10.	M/s. Central Orissa Straw Board	Papar Board	4950	Jagatpur
11.	M/s. Balaji Paper & Board Ind. Ltd.	Duplex Board	10000	Balgopalpur
12.	M/s. Spaa Straw Board	Paper & Paper Board	2970	Bolangir

(c) and (d) Proposals for establishment of additional capacity are considered keeping in view the availability of raw material and other relevant considerations. Manufacture of writing, printing and wrapping paper from agricultural residues, waste and bagasse is covered under de-licensing scheme.

Losses sustained by Metal Box India Ltd.

2708. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Metal Box India Limited which was earning very good profits has sustained a loss of more than Rs. 136 crores during the last financial year;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for such a huge loss suffered by the Company; and

(c) what corrective steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) According to the information received from Metal Box I Ltd., the company had sustained a loss of Rs. 5.82 crores during the year ending 31st March, 1987 and a loss of Rs. 7.35 crores (unaudited) during the period April to September, 1987. The accumulated losses as on 30th September, 1987 stood at Rs. 26.57 crores.

(b) According to the company, the continuous losses were due to substantial increase in the cost of major raw materials, high incidence of differential custom duty and an increase in excise duty, and inadequate availability of Tin plates from indigenous sources resulting in low capacity utilisation.

(c) Under the provisions of the sick industrial companies (Special Provisions Act, 1985), Govt. have set up Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) which looks into the various aspects of revival of sick industrial companies. Such sick industrial companies are required to report sickness to the Board for considering suitable measures for revival/rehabilitation. It is understood from BIFR that Metal Box India Ltd., have already approached them and their case has been registered by the Board on 15-1-88.

Price control on Aminophylline etc.

2709. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Quesion 635 given in the Rajya Sabha one 29th February, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Aminophylline, Quinidine Sulphate, Pethidine Hcl, Analgin Sulphadimidine in bulk are under price control under DPCO 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that fifinished medicines marketed under generic name of scheduled drugs are exempted from price control as per DPCO, 1987;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Manufactuers of these products have increased the price from 30 per cent to 185 per cent; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to safeguard the consumer from the expliotation of drug companies?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) All the bulk drugs referred to in the question except Pethidine Hcl are price controlled under DPCO, 1987.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Prices of some formulations being marketed under generic name have gone up.